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TRAVEL DUE TO VARIATIONS IN THE LAYER
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LAYER PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENTS
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In response to the Final Office Action of May 10, 2005, kindly amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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